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The **HOT AIR MAIL** NVCC Club Door is Open.

I am starting with the latest news about the 2025 CORSA National Convention from Tom Rahochik of the Mid Maryland Corvaair Club. Tom writes;

"There has been a major change in the date for our Gettysburg CORSA convention. A second bid from California came in at the same time our bid was initiated. Since there has not been a western CORSA convention since 2008, and we had an eastern CORSA convention in 2018, it was decided to allow California to host their convention in 2025.

Our hotel contract is currently being revised and the new date for our **Gettysburg CORSA convention will be June 22-26 2026.**

CORSA should be making the announcement for both conventions sometime in April, at which time, we hope to advise our club hosts and all regional clubs of the date change as well. This extra year of convention planning will allow us to create the best eastern CORSA convention ever!"

I like the year 2026 better anyway. It will be in Gettysburg and the **60th** Anniversary of the 1966 Corvaair **And** the *Yenko Stinger* made in Canonsburg PA. Can't wait to see the T-Shirt.



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The March Club meeting was held in Stan's Garage and he sends this report;--

We had a small group today in this yucky rain, but we managed to pull the steering box from my '65 Corsa, as well as the steering column. As we suspected, the steering shaft completely sheared in half, right above the coupler (which had been welded, and the nuts were useless, as they were not even tight). The box is bad and I'm still amazed that the stress came down to this point of the solid shaft. You can see the clean metal in the pictures.



Now the tough part is to find the parts for the telescopic column set up, which I hope to keep.

I'm exploring now, but it seems there is a box and shaft adapter with coupler that will work with my set up (which is the later '65 short shaft, not the long shaft that goes from the wheel to the box) and it will also work with the 66 set up. The tough part is to find what will work for the top part of the shaft. I guess I can use a 65 short shaft or a 66 telescopic shaft? But these are not readily available. I think corvettes had a shaft that is somewhat interchangeable with the Corvair, from what I've seen online. Any tips or leads would be greatly appreciated! I sent these pics to Jeff at the Ranch and asked for his thoughts and he replied, "It's broke".

April 4th Update!



Figure 1



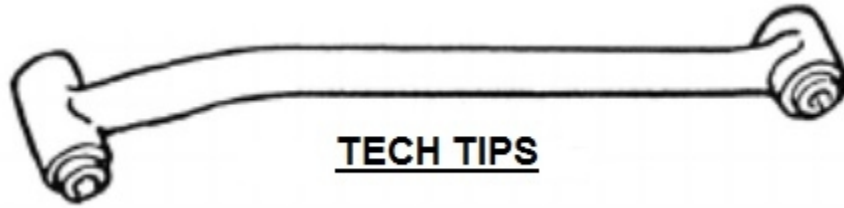
I actually ordered a shaft adapter from Seth Emerson, with a Universal joint and will use that with a new box that I'm getting from Bob and, by grinding flat spots on my telescoping column shaft, I will be able to **use** it with this adapter!. Seth explained the installation and it seems fairly straightforward. This will run me a little over \$500, but with a brand new box. I found a whole column, box and wheel on the Forum for \$1075 plus shipping, but I like this idea of this adapter being collapsible and new.



Mable's view of the meeting.

Editors note; And soon, it won't be Broke no more. Thank you Stan for hosting.

Your Corvair Story could be here! [Contact your Editor](#).



TECH TIPS

Upgraded suspension parts for the LM by Brian Brooksby

Here are the pictures of the complete LM suspension upgrade made by Nate Wolfe. I've driven his cars equipped with this set up and they handle like slot cars. I've received all the parts and they are top notch.

Front control rod replaced with adjustable Johnny joint. Front Lower arm greasable USA made ball joint, and spherical joint. Rear control arm with spherical bearing that no longer requires the small connecting rod as the control arm is locked down with no side to side movement.

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Installing LED brake/turn signal/parking lights. By Fred Marx



Recently I decided to upgrade my '63 Spyder's brake/turn signal and parking lights to LED's. Since most cars now use LED's, people are used to brighter lights, and I think they don't really see old incandescent bulbs as well. I've read a lot about upgrading, and it seems different people have had different results. Some Corvair owners report that they have changed from bulbs to LED's without having to make any changes, and others have reported real problems.



My experience was, I think, about in the middle. I bought 4 LED 1157 bulbs on Amazon (Melphan auto LED brake light bulbs, \$11.69 when I bought them) and I also bought, just in case, a turn signal flasher designed to address problems sometimes encountered when changing to LED's. (United Pacific LED 2-terminal flasher #90652 (552), about \$15 on EBAY)



I first installed two LED's in the back of the car. Even without changing the flasher, the brake lights, parking lights and turn signals worked perfectly. I then installed a third bulb in one of the front parking lights and while the brake and parking lights worked, the turn signals did not work at all. I installed the United Pacific replacement flasher (it does need to be separately grounded) still no luck.

I then removed all the LED's and replaced them with bulbs and, in typical corvair fashion, the turn signals still did not work. I replaced the United Pacific flasher with a new stock flasher, still no luck. After tearing down the steering column and, with Bob Marshall's help, rebuilding the turn signal mechanism (which was admittedly not quite right from the start), I tried the turn signal and again had no luck.

Finally, I replaced the turn signal relay (attached to the underside of the steering column) on the hunch either that it was going bad and was pushed over the edge by the switch to LED's or that it went bad coincidentally. New ones are available from Clark's or California Corvairs for about \$30. You can also disassemble the relay and clean it--not really that hard.

I installed the new relay (the instructions for adjusting it are at page 4-19 of the 1961 Shop Manual) and also reinstalled the United Pacific flasher and it finally worked perfectly. I am not sure what the problem was, probably the turn signal relay went bad coincidentally when I installed the LED's, but who knows. I would definitely recommend getting the United Pacific flasher, though, since I think that may have been part of the initial issue.

Of Oil

Bob sent a link with an article about Diesel oil in a gasoline engine. Great discussion.

<https://www.motortrend.com/how-to/diesel-oil-in-gasoline-engine>

This fairly new Oil link on the Corvair Center has some good info and is not 10 miles long.....Yet. It even talks about Diesel oil use. <http://corvairstcenter.com/phorum/read.php?1,1172400>

richard1 helps us to understand Oil requirements for the Corvair.

https://www.widman.biz/uploads/Corvair_oil.pdf

Your Corvair Tech Tip could be here! [Contact your Editor.](#)

For Sale Ad 1

Contact Jason Moore eastjmoore@gmail.com for any of the following;
All items came off of a 1964 Vert.

5 wheels, **13" stock rims** w/ Hancock Radial H714 185/80/13 90S and **3 bar wire wheel covers**. Tires are in great shape, balanced and ready for use. They have 2409 date codes, spare is new but 4808 date code. The caps are not perfect but good driver quality in my opinion. These came with the car and ran them for the first year I had it running, on highway and twisties, and would run them all day still even with their age. Only took them off this year to run slots and wider tires. Also, **welded dual mufflers from my 110**. I only removed them to run trombones. Email me for prices. Located in Winchester VA. I can provide more pictures to those interested. eastjmoore@gmail.com



For Sale Ad 2



1966 Corvair Monza Convertible

Has a 140HP engine with a 4sp converted from original 110HP PowerGlide
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For Sale Ad 3



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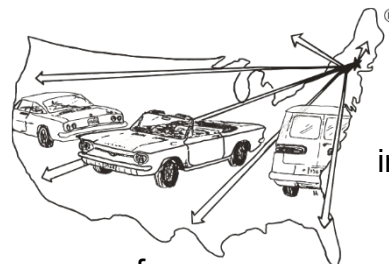
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2023 Meeting Schedule

*Meetings start at 9:00 am unless noted otherwise.

April 22nd

Stan's Garage
7703 Holmes Run Dr
Falls Church, VA 22042

Project will be to install the telescoping column with a new steering box and adapter shaft and get it back on the road.

Events

Current and Upcoming Events listed on the CORSA Website can be found by [Clicking Here](#).
You do not need to be a CORSA Member to view the Events.

April 21-22, 2023

Springfest Corvair Show,
Helen, GA. More info to be posted at [Corvair Car Show - Springfest in Helen \(corvairspringfest.com\)](http://corvairspringfest.com)



Join us on Sunday, May 7, from 11AM-4PM for an afternoon of classic cars followed by a live musical performance by the US Navy Band- Commodores beginning at 3PM!

This event is free and open to the public at the
National Museum of the Marine Corps,
1775 Semper Fidelis Way,
Triangle, VA 22172.

We encourage both individuals and car groups to enter their vehicles (1979 or earlier) into the show using the form below.

Vehicle registration is free, but space is limited. Please register before Friday, May 5, at 4PM.

<https://secure.marineheritage.org/a/2023-classic-car-show-1>

Event Schedule:

9:30-10:30AM Registered Vehicle Check-in

11AM-4PM Car Show Open to the Public

11AM-3PM Outdoor Concessions (Aramark) & Cigar Vendor (Syr's Rolling Cigar Vault)

3-4PM Outdoor Performance by US Navy Band- Commodores



Show updates;...Currently Friday August 18th. Welcome party and vendor sales,
Saturday August 19th people's choice car display AM , road Rally PM with awards to follow,
Sunday August 20th SCCA autocross Click the picture above to learn more.

REPORT

Here are pictures from the Corvair Show that was held in Fredericksburg VA on **April 15th**.

<http://corvaircenter.com/phorum/read.php?1,1170220,1172917#msg-1172917>

OUR 50TH ANNIV -2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH- each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page www.corvair.com

FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023

FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER- if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE- sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES- See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

2023 SUPPLEMENT- On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin- We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

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Balance 03/31/23 \$4475.91

Corvair LINKS

Corvair Society of America. Also known as CORSA <https://www.corvair.org/>

For More Pictures of everything Corvair related and past Club Meeting reports,
click here > [NVCC Facebook](#)



OR here for past HAM Newsletters.

Instagram.

Learn a lot on the Corvair Forum.

How to ID different Bolt Grades.

How to read tires.

Hagerty Corvair Valuation.

<https://www.corvair.org/chapters/chapter220/ham/>

<https://www.instagram.com/northernvirginiacorvairs/>

<https://www.corvaircenter.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrBYBiSFKQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQJ3D8iRvvc>

[1965-69-chevy-corvair-values-are-rising-fast/](#)

Remember, we have been given a special Corvair power. With that power comes responsibility. That responsibility is keeping this marque alive and viable for future generations. We still have the most affordable classic 60's cars in existence but we, as a club, need to be a part of promoting the Corvair as a really unique and cool collectible car. Let's keep on driving them, fixing them and promoting them everywhere we go.

Other Club News

These pictures were published in the April 2023 issue of the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club newsletter. Keep in mind, it's April..



Recently found! Long lost Corvair prototypes. The late model wagon. Lakewood and Nomad style.



For heavy and long cargo loads



And the late model Greenbrier

April Fool



Next Club Meeting Location?

Good weather is just around the corner. If you have a Corvair that needs help, let the newsletter editor know to put you on the schedule to host a Club Meeting.

PS

Lets meet at the bend in the road.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVAIR CLUB

A Chartered Chapter (220) of CORSA, The Corvair Society of America

Date of Application: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Family members to be included in Membership

First Name	Last Name	Birthday (MM/DD)	Relationship

Email Address: _____

Corvair Information

Year of Car: _____ Color: _____ Conv or Coupe: _____

Transmission: _____ Engine: _____

Are you a member of CORSA? Yes: _____ No: _____

**Membership Dues in NVCC are \$10 per family per year.
Dues are due January 1**

As a member of NVCC, what type of events would you like to participate in:

Races: _____ Rallies: _____ Autocrosses: _____ Car Shows: _____ Tech Sessions: _____

Other (Specify): _____

Signature: _____

**Please fill out this form and mail with dues payment to:
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